

tell how far this had been done. A vast majority of the people of Tyaskin district were opposed to it. There was now a railroad from Salisbury to Princess Anne, and the county town could be reached in twenty-five minutes. At the time this dismemberment was first advocated there were no railroad facilities. He was, however, not opposed to the division if the people wanted it, but contended that they should first be consulted. At the proper time he should also have something to say about the public debt of the county and the apportionment of the same.

The subject was further discussed by Messrs. McKaig, Stoddert, Tarr, of Caroline, and Rider.

Mr. Tarr, of Worcester, then called for the previous question, which being sustained, the question was taken on the amendment of Mr. Jones, when it was disagreed to.

Section 2 was read.

Mr. Jones said it was extremely difficult to arrive at an exact calculation as to the debts of Worcester and Somerset and the amount to be assessed, if this new county was to be formed, and moved to amend by leaving this subject to the action of the Legislature.

Mr. McMaster said this Convention had no right to despoil these two counties of portions of their domain, and he contended that public necessity did not call for this division. It was true that some gentlemen might be subjected to inconvenience by having a little farther to travel to attend court, but was a county town to be brought to every man's door? If this was done for the benefit of Salisbury, how long before other towns would claim the same favor. The Convention had already experience as to the trouble of small counties, the question of representation, as applied to them, was a very knotty point, and only recently the Convention had been occupied a day or two as to whether Caroline county should be put in one circuit or another. Mr. McK. thought it would be much better if two or three of these small counties were made into one and they would be much better represented. All the statements to the contrary, it was the fact that this was a new issue, and had not entered into the canvass at all, and he contended that the people of Worcester should not be despoiled of their territory against their consent.